

from any other Place or Places, on Forfeiture of the Goods, or full Value thereof, so transported, or attempted to be shipped, &c. out of this Province, from any other Places, &c. (15.) The Owner of any Store-House, within such Towns, &c. his said Store-House not being full, and having no Occasion thereof, for his own proper Tobacco, &c. shall, on Request, suffer the Owner of any Tobacco, brought there in Hogheads, to put in and secure it, as if it were his own, in such Store-House, the Owner of the Tobacco paying the Owner of the Store-House 10^{lb} Tobacco per Hoghead; which the Store-House-Keeper shall secure for 12 Months or less, &c. Casualties by Fire only excepted. And any Store-House-Keeper, having his Store-House empty, or not sufficiently filled, &c. wilfully refusing to take in and secure Tobacco so brought, shall be liable to pay the Owner of the Tobacco all Damage, &c. sustained by such Refusal. (16.) All Rents due to his Lordship, all public Levies, Officers Fees, &c. due on Execution, to be brought to Towns, &c. before mentioned, and secured as other Tobaccos. (17.) His Lordship's Collectors, Receivers of the public Levies, &c. to allow 5 per Cent for the Tobaccos so brought. (18.) The Sheriffs to have 5 per Cent only, for public Tobaccos paid at the said Towns, &c. but the public Creditors to pay the Storage. (19.) Inhabitants of such Towns, &c. may buy, &c. any Goods, &c. whatsoever, provided they sell them in the same Town where they were bought. (20.) Tobaccos due by the last of August 1685, to be brought to some of the Towns, &c. at the Charge of the Creditor. (21.) No Persons, not being Inhabitants and Taxables of this Province, shall, after the said last Day of August 1685, lade or transport any Tobaccos, Goods, &c. of this Province, in any Boat, or Vessel, from any Plantations or Places, save the Towns before mentioned, to any Port of this Province, or on board any Ship, &c. on Forfeiture of such Tobacco, &c. together with the Sloop, Boat, &c. or the Value thereof. (22.) For the Encouragement of Trade, and Dispatch of Ships, &c. his Lordship to appoint some Person in *Wiccocomico*, *St. Mary's*, *Patuxent* and *Ann-Arundel* County, on the Western Side, and in the Counties of *Talbot* and *Somerset*, on the Eastern Side of this Province, to take due Entry, and clear all Ships trading into this Province, &c. (23.) Lest the great Number of such Towns, &c. may in Time become burthensome to the Public, by increasing the Number of Burgesses, &c. no Town shall hereafter be capable of sending a Citizen or Citizens to any Assembly, till such Time as the said Town shall be actually inhabited by so many Families as shall be sufficiently able to defray the Expences of such Delegates (to be elected by the Freemen of such respective Town, or the Majority of them) without being chargeable to their respective County by Reason thereof: But the said Charge to be defrayed by the respective Inhabitants of the several Towns sending such Delegates. Saving to the Citizens of *St. Mary's*, the Rights of their Charter, &c. (24.) This Act not to repeal the Law against Ingrossers, nor to give Liberty to any Person to export Goods prohibited by Law.

Additional and Supplementary Acts were 1684, *ch. 2.* 1686, *ch. 2,* and 1688, *ch. 6.*

CHAP. VI.

An Act for Payment and Assessing the public Charge of this Province. OBS.

Passed 6th of Nov. 1683.

At a Session of ASSEMBLY, begun and held at the 1684. City of *St. Mary's*, on the 1st of *April*, in the 9th Year of the Dominion of CHARLES, &c. Annoq; Domini 1684, and ended the 26th Day of the same Month, the following Laws were Enacted.

HIS LORDSHIP in PERSON.

CHAP. I.

An Act for Payment and Assessing the public Charges of this Province. Lib. WH. Passed 26th fol. 258. OBS. April 1684.

CHAP. II.

*An Additional and Supplementary Act to the * Act for Advancement of Trade.* Ditto. Lib. WH. fol. 259. * 1682, *ch. 5.*

N. B. By this Act (1.) on Petition of several Inhabitants, &c. praying for more Ports, &c. the Towns, &c. hereafter mentioned, are added to the former, in the Original Act named, to be Ports and Places, equally with the said others, for Importing and Exporting, &c. viz.

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| <i>St. Mary's County,</i> | { At <i>Britton's Neck</i> , between <i>Britton's Bay</i> and <i>St. Clement's Bay</i> . |
| | { At <i>Westwood</i> , on the Land of Mr. <i>Thomas Gerrard</i> , at the Head of <i>Wiccocomico River</i> . |
| <i>Ann-Arundel County,</i> | { At <i>West-River</i> , upon the Land of <i>John Hillen</i> , deceased, and the Land thereunto adjacent. |
| <i>Calvert County,</i> | { At <i>Calvert-Town</i> , in <i>Battle Creek</i> . |
| <i>Charles County,</i> | { At <i>Pig-Point</i> , upon <i>Mount-Calvert Manor</i> , in <i>Patuxent River</i> . |
| | { At the Head of <i>Port-Tobacco Creek</i> , near the Church there. |
| | { At the Mouth of <i>Nanjemy Creek</i> , at, or near, <i>Lewis's Neck</i> . |
| <i>Baltimore County,</i> | { At <i>Middle-River</i> , on the Land of <i>Cornwallis</i> , or <i>Leatkins</i> , or both, at the Discretion of the Commissioners |